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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 VENICE PI, LLC,
9 Plaintiff,
10 v.
11 INA SICOTORSCHI, et al.,
12 Defendants.

C17-1074 TSZ

13 VENICE PI, LLC,
14 Plaintiff,
15 v.
16 GREGORY SCOTT, et al.,
17 Defendants.

C17-1075 TSZ

18 VENICE PI, LLC,
19 Plaintiff,
20 v.
21 YELENA TKACHENKO, et al.,
22 Defendants.

C17-1076 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

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The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

(1) Plaintiff's motions for extension of time to serve, docket no. 18 in C17-1074, docket no. 12 in C17-1075, and docket no. 14 in C17-1076, are GRANTED as follows. The deadline for plaintiff to effect service is EXTENDED from October 12,

1 2017, to October 30, 2017, which is three weeks after waivers of service are due.¹ No
2 further extension will be granted.

3 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of
4 record.

5 Dated this 5th day of October, 2017.

6 William M. McCool
7 Clerk

8 s/Karen Dews
9 Deputy Clerk

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15 ¹ Plaintiff's counsel persistently delays efforts to effect service so that he can send a round of letters to
16 unrepresented defendants. Plaintiff's counsel contends that such letters are intended to protect the privacy
17 of defendants, allowing them to "name names," *i.e.*, others who might be responsible for the alleged
18 copyright infringement, and/or to settle the dispute before being identified in an amended pleading. The
19 letters, however, are dispatched only a week before an amended complaint is filed, and the extent to
20 which they serve such purpose is therefore limited. The letters appear to instead be aimed at frightening
21 individuals into paying money to avoid being dragged into litigation, stating as follows:

22 This is a time sensitive matter. In similar cases the Court has required us to promptly
23 move the case forward by amendment to name individual defendants . . . , and our client
intends to do so barring changed circumstances.

24 Ex. D to Lowe Decl. (docket no. 19 in C17-1074). The Court will no longer countenance plaintiff's
25 counsel's tactics, and will not in the future grant extensions of the time to effect service so that plaintiff's
26 counsel can distribute such letters. In addition, in any similar letters mailed to unrepresented parties from
27 this date forward, plaintiff's counsel shall not reference the Court or in any way indicate or imply that any
28 action already or to be taken by plaintiff or its attorney in this litigation is required by the Court. This
29 directive extends to all related cases pending before the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, regardless of which
30 plaintiff is prosecuting the matter.